

HAWAII SUGARCANE ACREAGE & PRODUCTION

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U.S. SUGARCANE

Production of sugarcane for sugar and seed in 2004 is forecast at 31.7 million tons, 2 percent below the August forecast and 6 percent below 2003. Sugarcane growers intend to harvest 961,600 acres for sugar and seed during the 2004 crop year, down 1 percent from August and 3 percent less than last year's final harvested area. Yield is forecast at 33.0 tons per acre, 0.4 ton below the previous forecast and 1.0 ton below the 2003 yield. In Louisiana, the harvested area forecast decline 10,000 acres from August. Louisiana's yield forecast also dropped by 1.0 ton, due to dry conditions in August. Hurricane Charley missed Florida's sugarcane-growing area, and acreage and yield forecasts are unchanged.

SUGARCANE FOR SUGAR AND SEED: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State and United States, 2002-2003 and forecasted September 1, 2004

State	Area harvested			Yield 1	Production ¹		
	2003	2004	2003	2004		2002	2004
				Aug 1	Sep 1	2003	2004
	1,000 acres		Tons			1,000 tons	
Florida	438.0	420.0	39.3	37.0	37.0	17,231	15,540
Hawaii	21.3	24.1	97.7	94.0	94.0	2,082	2,265
Louisiana	490.0	475.0	26.2	27.0	26.0	12,838	12,350
Texas	45.1	42.5	37.8	36.0	36.0	1,706	1,530
U.S.	994.4	961.6	34.0	33.4	33.0	33,857	31,685

¹ Net tons.

U.S. SUGARBEETS

Production for 2004 is forecast at 28.5 million tons, 1 percent above the August forecast but 7 percent below last year's production. Growers in the 12 sugarbeet-producing States expect to harvest 1.33 million acres, down fractionally from last month and 2 percent below last year. The yield is forecast at 21.5 tons per acre, up 0.1 ton from August but 1.2 tons below 2003. Yield expectations improved in Idaho, Michigan, Oregon, and Wyoming; declined in Colorado and Nebraska; and were unchanged in all other States. August brought cooler than normal temperatures and adequate moisture to most of the major growing area. Frost in Minnesota and North Dakota August 19-21 did not significantly harm the crop.

SUGARBEETS: Area harvested, yield, and production, by State and United States, 2003 and forecasted September 1, 2004 ¹

State	Area Harvested			Yield	Production		
	2003	2004	2003	2004		2002	2004
				Aug 1	Sep 1	2003	2004
	1,000 acres		Tons		1,000 tons		
California	50.2	49.0	36.5	37.3	37.3	1,832	1,828
Colorado	27.4	33.4	23.5	23.1	22.7	644	758
Idaho	207.0	192.0	29.2	26.6	27.1	6,044	5,203
Michigan	178.0	163.0	19.1	18.0	18.5	3,400	3,016
Minnesota	487.0	479.0	20.6	19.6	19.6	10,032	9,388
Montana	51.5	52.2	25.4	21.0	21.0	1,308	1,096
Nebraska	42.4	47.6	20.3	20.2	20.0	861	952
North Dakota	255.0	256.0	20.4	19.5	19.5	5,202	4,992
Ohio	1.9	1.6	24.2	21.5	21.5	46	34
Oregon	9.8	12.5	30.7	28.9	29.0	301	363
Washington	4.0	3.8	40.3	37.6	37.6	161	143
Wyoming	33.7	35.5	22.3	21.0	21.8	752	774
U.S.	1,347.9	1,325.6	22.7	21.4	21.5	30,583	28,547

¹ Relates to year of intended harvest in all States except California. In California, relates to year of intended harvest for fall planted beets in central California and to year of planting for overwintered beets in central and southern California.